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FOR VERIFICATION DUE TO ERRONEOUS WIRE SERVICE ACCOUNTS OF THE SECRETARY'S TESTIMONY AND DRAWING ON GUIDANCE PROVIDED IN STATE 042441 REGARDING ERRONEOUS REPORTING OF ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE CUTS, EMBASSY HAS TODAY ISSUED THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT:

QUOTE WIRE SERVICE REPORTS THAT ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE WAS BEING REDUCED FOR URUGUAY ON THE QUESTION OF HUMAN RIGHTS ARE IN ERROR.

WHILE IT IS TRUE THAT ONLY \$25,000 OF GRANT ASSISTANCE
FOR COMMUNITY SELF-HELP ACTIVITIES HAVE BEEN REQUESTED
FOR URUGUAY IN FISCAL YEAR 1978, THIS IS CONSISTENT WITH
A LONG-TERM PLAN TO PHASE OUT GRADUALLY ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE
FOR URUGUAY WHICH WAS FULLY DISCUSSED WITH THE URUGUAYAN
AUTHORITIES IN FEBRUARY 1976. U.S. ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE POLICY
HAS BEEN CHANGING TO EMPHASIZE THE UTILIZATION OF MULTILATERAL
CHANNELS FOR MOST ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE WHILE RETAINING BILATERAL
ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE FOR THE MOST NEEDY COUNTRIES.
URUGUAY GOVERNMENT AUTHORITIES HAVE UNDERSTOOD THAT NO
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FURTHER LENDING TO URUGUAY HAD BEEN CONTEMPLATED AFTER THREE LOANS TOTALLING \$11.9 MILLION FOR ASSISTANCE TO AGRICULTURE AND AGRI-INDUSTRY WERE AUTHORIZED IN FY 1975. THE REFERENCE TO ASSISTANCE REDUCTIONS MADE LAST WEEK BEFORE A SENATE COMMITTEE HAD TO DO, INSOFAR AS URUGUAY IS CONCERNED, ONLY WITH MILITARY ASSISTANCE AND NOT ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE. UNQUOTE.

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